



William R. DeCota

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William DeCota was appointed Director of Aviation in December 1999 for The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He leads a career staff of nearly 1,000 employees for the management of Kennedy International, Newark International and LaGuardia Airports which together comprise the world's largest aviation system, as well as Teterboro and the Downtown Manhattan Heliport. Previously, he served as Deputy Director of Aviation, Assistant Director for Business and Properties, as well as Manager of Business and Financial Services for the Aviation Department

Mr. DeCota joined The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as a Junior Financial Analyst in the Financial Planning and Analysis Division of the Comptroller's Department in 1982. He has a varied educational background, including studies in architecture at the University of Virginia, and pursued a Doctorate in Finance and Accounting at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Mississippi and an MBA with a concentration in corporate financial management from the University of Georgia.

Prior to joining the Port Authority, Mr. DeCota was a business analyst for Dun & Bradstreet, responsible for analyzing the financial position of small businesses located in the New York metropolitan region. He also had some experience teaching both finance and accounting at the graduate level.

Bill has been invited to speak at such forums as international planning and airport finance conferences, and is the author of several speeches and papers on these topics. He is a former Chair of the Finance and Administration Subcommittee of Airports Council International.

Mr. DeCota resides in Old Bridge, New Jersey.